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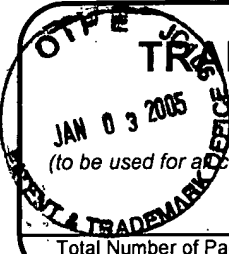
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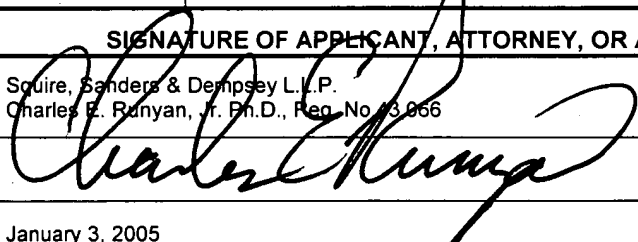
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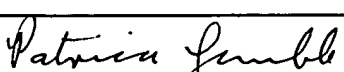
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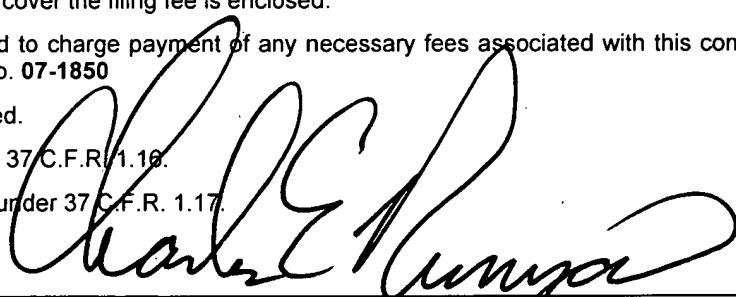
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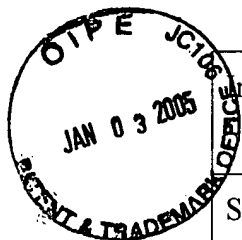
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Invention: Image Forming Apparatus Integrating Sheet Postprocessing Apparatus					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Mackey:

This responds to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004.

Claim amendments begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 4.